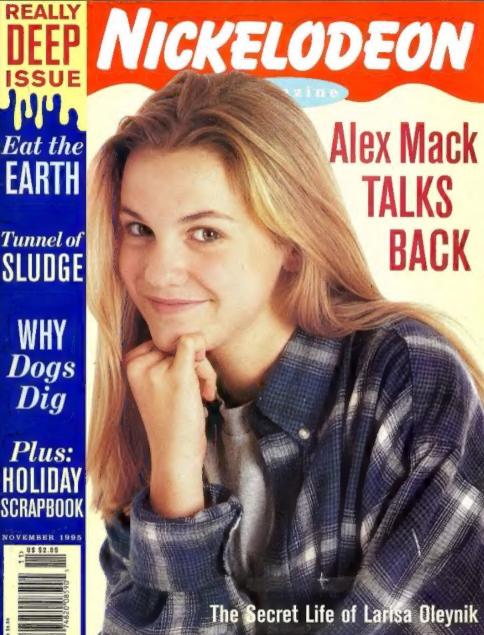
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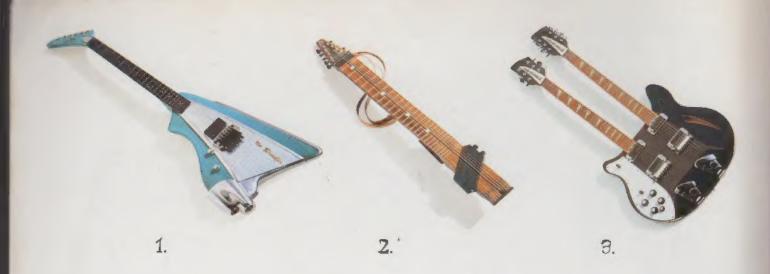
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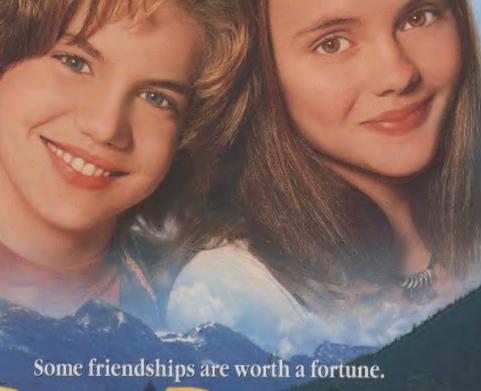


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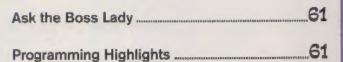
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Letters To The Editors



Dear Nick Mag,
My friend and I are putting
together a time capsule, and
we thought it would be cool if
some kids dug it up and
found NICKELODEON
MAGAZINE in it. And if you
printed this letter, we could
put this issue in.

Kat S., age 11 Lincoln, Nebraska

Dear Kat, Here it is. Hello, kids of the future!

Dear Nick Mag, In your June/July issue, you introduced slime cupcakes. How did you think of such a creative dish?

Jamie M., age 9 Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Dear Jamie, Easy—we were hungry.

Dear Niok Mag,
I love your magazine. I
especially liked "The Bag of
Tricks" that you put in your
August issue. When I was
traveling with my cousins,
my uncle gave the tollbooth
man the special tollbooth
card and he laughed!

Crystal C., age 12 Olathe, Kansas

Dear Crystal,
If he had really liked it, he
would have let you through
for free. In any case, tollbooth collectors always like a
token of your appreciation!



Dear Nick Mag,
Your "Land of No New Years"
play (December/January
1995) was a big hit! My
friends and I had try-outs
and practiced on a stage. Our
principal wanted us to do it
for the school. When he saw
how good we were, he let us
do the play for the Christmas
pageant! The pageant was on
TV, so everyone in Antigo,
Wisconsin, saw it!

Lindsey O., age 11 Antigo, Wisconsin

Dear Lindsey, Be sure to look for the movie version of "The Land of No New Years," starring Julia Roberts as The Star and Jim Carrey as The Royal Poet. Just kidding.

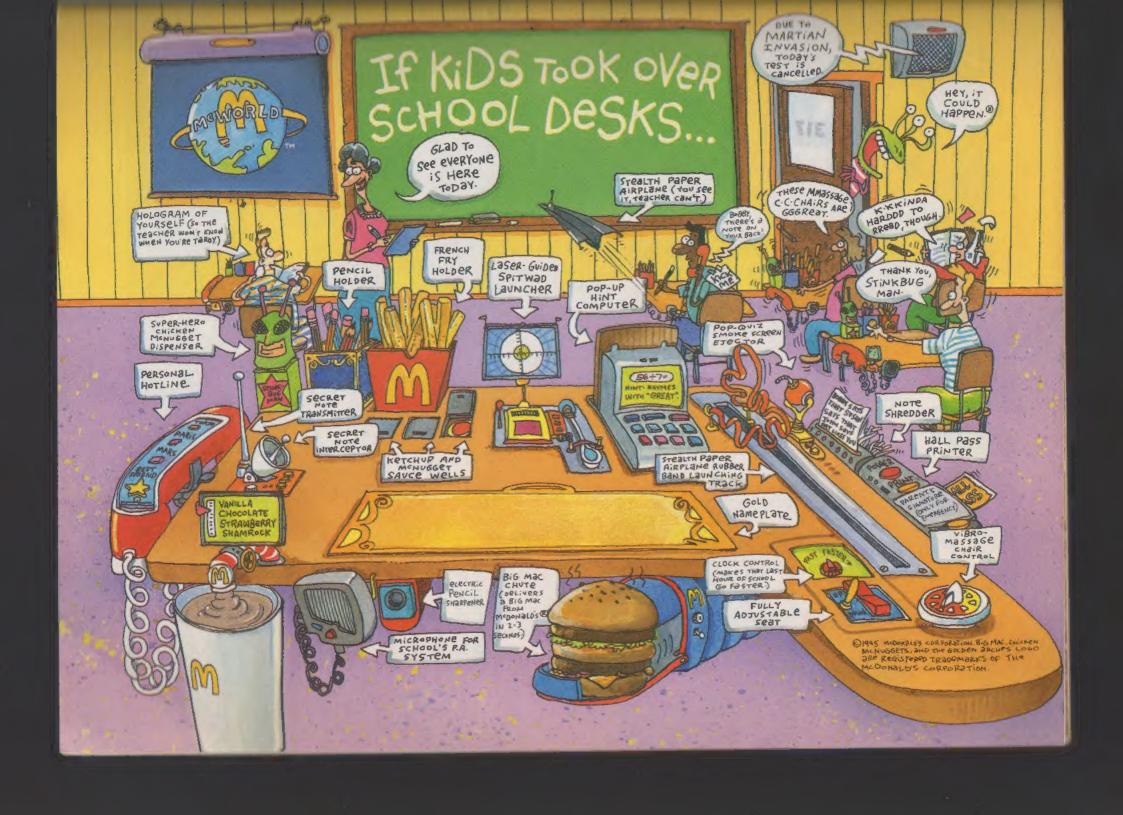
Dear Nick Mag,
My dalmatian Susy loves
NICKELODEON MAGAZINE
as much as I do. She loves to
carry it around the house in
her mouth. If I can't find it, I
seek her out, because she is
often the thief.

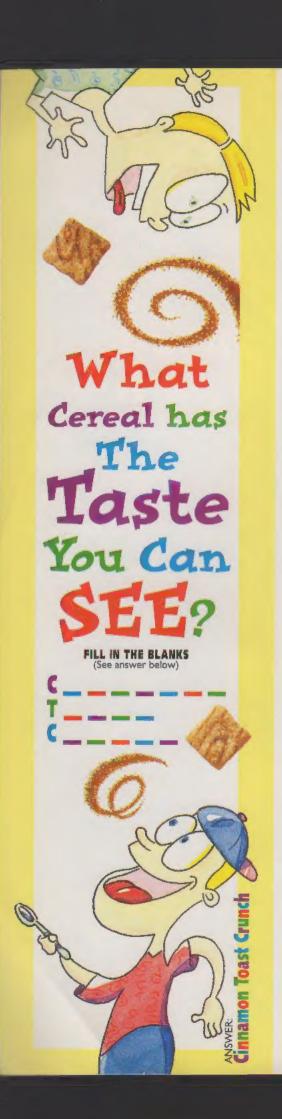
Ashley M., age 8 Hudson, Ohio

Dear Ashley, She must hide it in some good spots.

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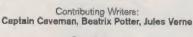


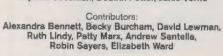
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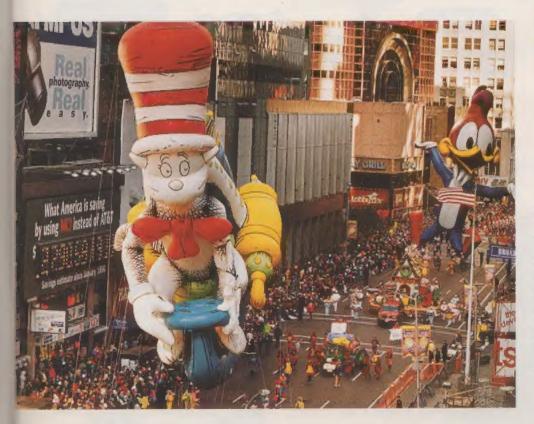
Check out our Underground Section. It begins on page 9, with a bunch of jokes that are downright funny.

Basement of the Year

We studied a lot of basements while working on our underground issue. The most interesting one we found is under Madame Tussaud's wax museum, in London, England. The museum is famous for its display of lifelike wax figures of famous people, and the basement is a bonanza of fake body parts. In the room pictured, extra faces and hands are stored. We think this basement is head and shoulders below the competition.



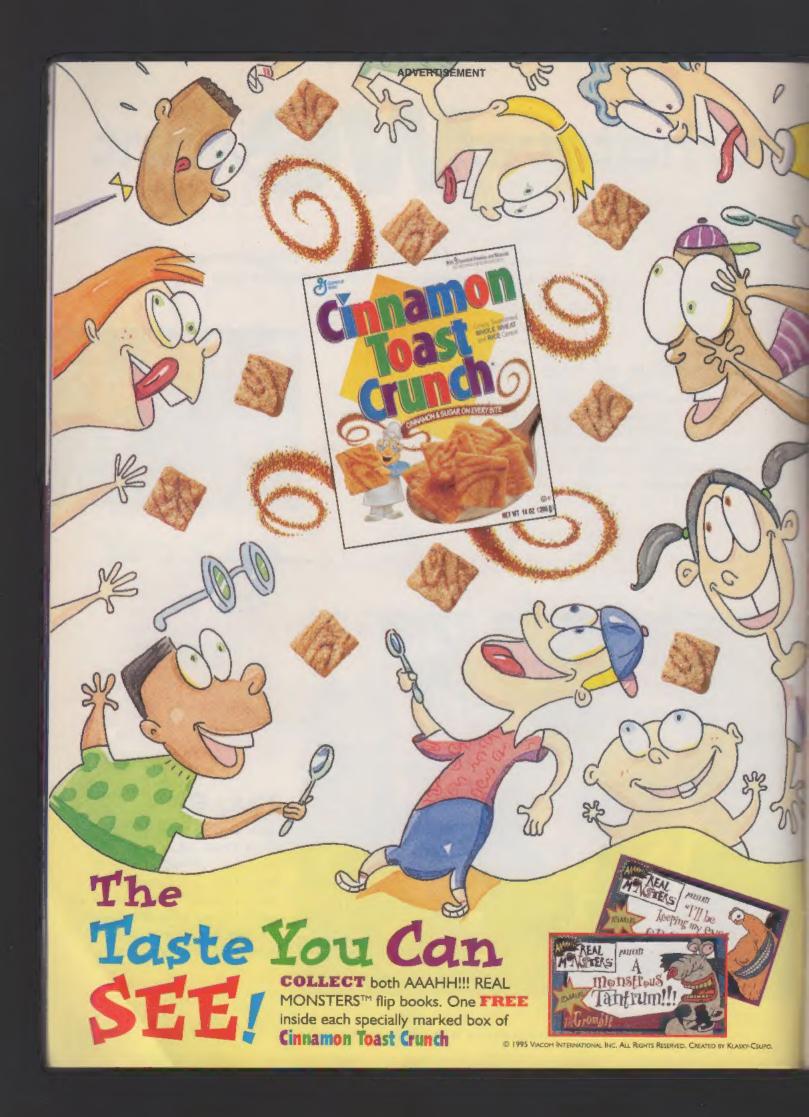
Please Don't Pass by the Bonus! Turn to



page 39 for your own Holiday Table Scraps Book. It will make your holiday meals a cause for celebration!

Thar She

There's always something going on in Times Square, home to the offices of NICKELODEON MAGAZINE. In November, the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade winds its way down Broadway. The sight of all those big balloons really blows us away!



the page

Just Put It On My Drill

Why did the dentist burrow to the Earth's core?

It was the drill of a lifetime.

Which flowers can burrow to the Earth's core? Daffodrills

What did the geologist say to the guy who couldn't decide whether to drill for diamonds or gold?

"Make up your mine."

Why did the boy eat at the bottom of a deep hole?

by David Lewman

He wanted to be well-fed

Why did the boy take his book to the bottom of a deep hole? He wanted to be well-read

Why did the boy throw the steaks down a deep hole? He heard they should be well-cone.

I dig these jokes



Bat's-All; Folks

What's the best game to play in a cave?

Baseball, because there are always plenty of bats

How do bats heat up their leftovers?

They pop them in the micro-cave.

What do you call volcano spit?

Sa-lova

What did the grown-up volcano say to the kid volcano? "When I'm talking, don't erupt!"

What did the kid volcano say to the grown-up volcano?

"Hey, don't blow your top!"

How is a birthday celebrated underground?

With a nice, big earthday quake



Why did the potato go back to the field?

To search for its roots.

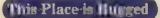
What did the detective say when he fell into the rabbit hole?

There's something bunny going on here

Why did Cindy Crawford go underground?

She wanted a new mole

Why did the family of prairie dogs stay in their underground home?
They got it dirt cheap



How did the underground bugs greet the above-ground bugs?

They gave them a worm welcome

What's small and gray and works underground? An eleph-ant.

What do ants use to burn their deepest holes?

Ant-and

What do you call a really old ant?

An ant-ique





QUESTIONS world that

There's a whole world that exists under your feet.
How much do you know about it? Take our quiz and find out. Write a "T"or an "F" next to each item.

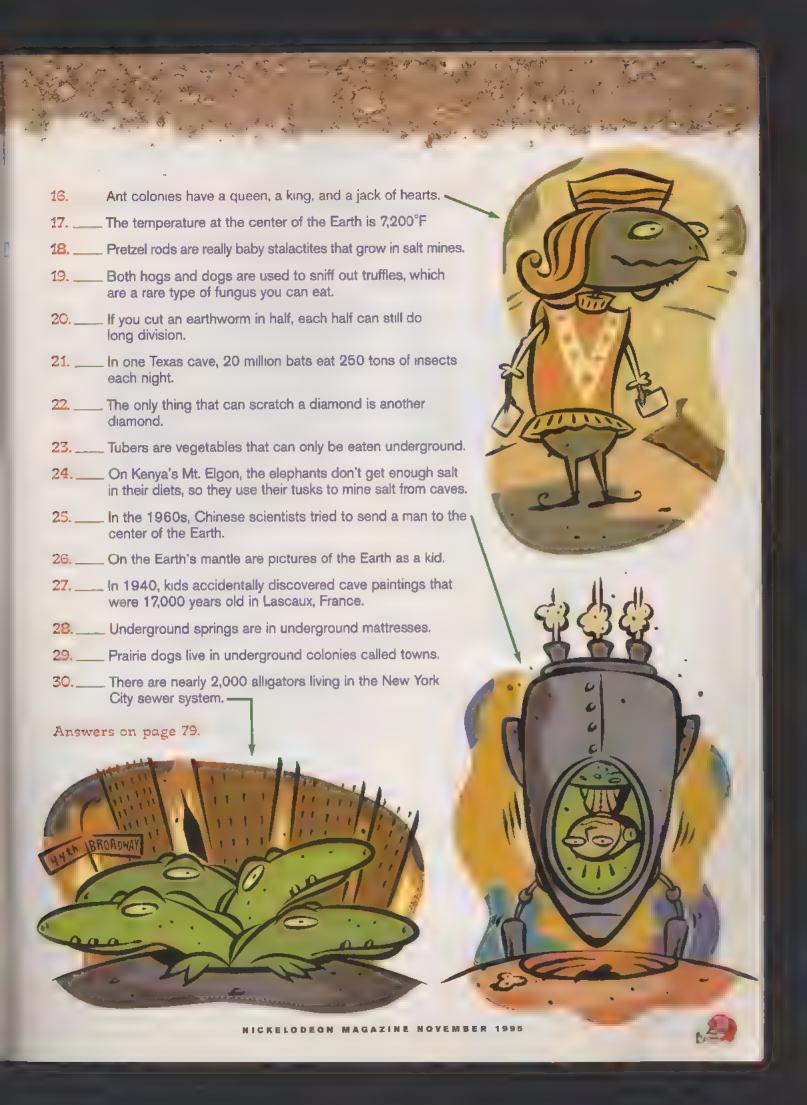
True or False?

- The core of the Earth contains seeds for growing new Earths.
- 2. ___ The word fossil comes from the Latin word for "dug up."
- 3. Some cicadas (a type of bug) spend 17 years underground.
- 4. ____ More than 5,000 years ago, the Greeks built the world's first underground amusement park, called Plato's Cave.
- 5. ___ An entire U.S. Army truck was sucked into quicksand in Germany during World War II.
- 6. ____ In 1989, a golden retriever dug a hole from California to Ohio, after it was left behind when its family moved.
- Between the Earth's crust and the mantle is a fine layer of melted butter.
- 8. ___ The city of Derinkuyu, Turkey, was built at least eight stories deep into the ground.
- Twenty-five Elvis impersonators live in the basement of Graceland.
- 10. ____ More than one billion animals may live in the amount of dirt it takes to fill two bathtubs.
- 11. ____ Prairie dogs enter their holes by teeny-tiny escalators.
- In South Africa, scientists found a giant earthworm that measured 22 feet long.
- In France's Loire Valley, you can visit an underground zoo, mushroom museum, and dance club.
- 14. ____ The largest diamond ever mined is now actress Elizabeth Taylor's dining room table.
- 15. ____ The first subway was built in London, England, in 1850, and was powered by rabbits.









LOOK OUT BELOW!

by Carmen Morais

Underneath these locations, some surprising things can be found. Can you figure out how they got there? Choose the correct answer for each.



SPLASH-IAL DELIVERY—left: The Coconut Cove pool. right: The entrance to the subterranean complex.

- 1 Why are there postage stamps under the Oceans of Fun water park in Kansas City, Missouri?
- a.) The Postmaster General loves playing in the wave pool.
- b.) The park is located on top of an old postage-stamp mine.
- c.) The park was built over a limestone cave, which provides a naturally cool, dry place for the U.S. Postal Service to store stamps.



THERE'S GOLD IN THAT THAR BUILDING—left: The building in Manhattan, right: Gold bars 80 feet below street level.

- 3 Why are 9,099 tons of gold stored under this New York City office building?
- a.) A giant goose hid a golden egg there.
- b.) That's where the Federal Reserve Bank of New York holds the world's largest collection of (monetary-quality) gold in a vault.
- c.) Ivana Trump keeps her gold bars in the basement,



A TREE-MENDOUS MYSTERY—ieft: The rolling hills of EJ Pital. right: A sculpture found in one of the encient buildings.

- 2 Why are there uncient buildings under these trees in Mexico?
- a) Aztecs hid them there so that the Spanish explorer Cortés couldn't find them.
- b.) An ancient city once existed on the site. Over the centuries, it was covered over by plants and sediment.
- c.) Zelda Van Gutters buried them there.

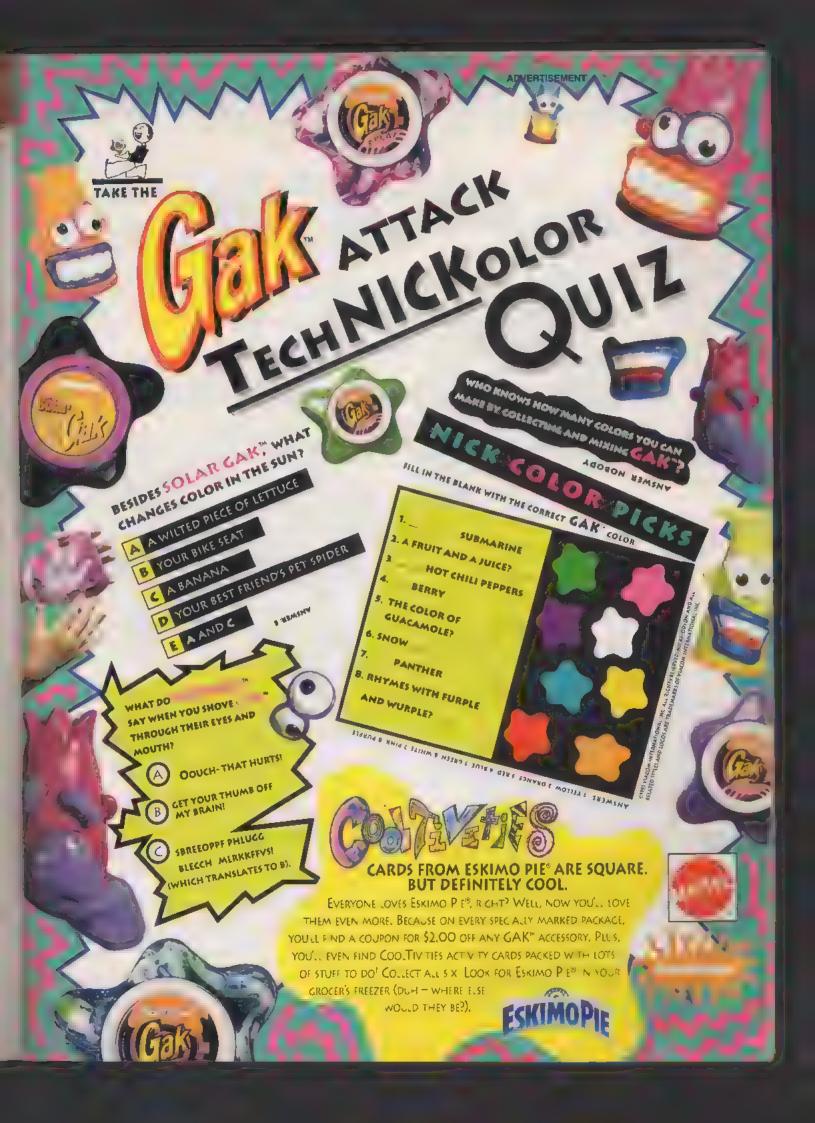


AN ICE SURPRISE-left The mountain in Gjevik, Norway, right: The skating rink inside.

- 4 Why was this hockey rink built inside a mountain in Norway?
 - a.) It was carved out of the mountain for the 1994 Olympics.
 - b.) It is used as a recreation center by the International Lava Society.
 - c.) Because it's cold outside.







How Low Can You Go?

We dug deep to give you the whole story on holes and digging. Here's what we un-earthed.

THE WORLD'S DEEPEST HOLES

On Land)

The deepest hole ever made by people is the Kola Superdeep Borehole. It's almost eight miles deep and is located near Zapolyarny, Russia, a small town in the Arctic Circle.

Russian scientists started drilling it in 1970. They've drilled so deep into the Earth that it takes 16 hours to remove the drill, change the bit, and re-lower the drill. What's the temperature at the bottom of a hole that deep? Almost 400° F!



The deepest hole ever drilled in the ocean floor is more than a mile deep.

Hole 504B is beneath the Pacific Ocean, off the coast of Ecuador. Scientists started drilling it 16 years ago in order to learn more about the Earth's 4.5-billion-year history.

The scientists use a giant drill that is mounted on a ship. The hole is only 10 inches wide, and is lined with concrete and capped with a plug, to keep water out.

Each time they drill, scientists pull up samples of the Earth. By studying them, they have learned some amazing things. For example, the Mediterranean Sea was a desert 5 million years ago; and the Atlantic Ocean is slowly widening, while the Pacific Ocean is slowly shrinking.

Work on both holes continues. Since there are no plans to stop, no one knows how low they will go.

-Stacey Bowers



DIGGING ALL THE WAY TO CHINA

Although you might want to try digging a hole straight down to China, it's actually impossible to do it. Not only is the middle of the Earth fiery hot, but you'd never finish the job. Even if you could dig at a rate of 12 inches every minute, it would take you 78 years.

But we wondered: If you could dig straight through the Earth, where would you end up? Well, to get to China, you'd have to begin digging in Chile. To see where you'd end up if you started digging in some other places, check out our chart.

If You Started Digging In:

Lamar, Colorado

Madrid, Spain

Honolulu, Hawaii

Perth, Australia

Hanga Roa, Easter Island

Papeete, Tahiti

Two Headed Island, Alaska

You'd End Up In:

Amsterdam Island, south

Dannevirke, New Zealand

Kuke, Botawana

Gibbs Hill, Bermuda

Sam, India

Trelawney, Zimbabwe

Visokoi Island, South Sandwich Islands, Antarctica

-Susan Mitchell

Why Dogs Dig



Why do dogs dig? Mostly they dig because their ancestors were wolves.

Wolves are hunters. If they can't finish eating their prey in one meal, they bury the meat in the dirt to hide it from other animals so they can eat it later.

Today, most dogs finish the food in their bowl very quickly. They don't have any leftovers. But if you give a dog a bone—something that it can't eat all at once—there's a good chance the dog will try to dig a hole and bury it.

So when you catch your dog digging up the yard, don't get angry. It's just doing what comes naturally.

-Stacey Bowers





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"choose," and snap away! It'sk said a picture is worth a thousand words, but what would you do with that? We'll give you a pile of Nort and put you on TV

instead. You lucky

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THE LOWDOWN ON UNDERGROUND JOBS

What's it like to spend most of your day where the sun doesn't shine?

Rory Evans found out when she talked to four people who work below the surface of the Earth.

Them working of the NEW CITY SUBWAY. As a large to the nation's

Nickelodeon Magazine: Do you ever sing "I've Been Working on the Railroad"?

Thomas Kirkland: I've whistled it.

NM: What's the strangest thing you've ever seen on the job?

TK: A person moving furniture, using the subway as a moving van.

M And what's the weirdest thing you've seen inside

hats in a few places. The subways are like when you think about it.

longer than the trains will. They don't bother me. It's the people that are the problem, not the animals.

NM: Do you miss seeing the sun?

TK: You don't even notice. You're mostly thinking about making it to the next stop safely and concentrating on the signals.

NM: Since there are no bathrooms on the train, what do you do?

TK: There are rest room facilities at the beginning and end of each line. There are also a few stations with facilities.

NM: If you have to go to the bathroom, can you just stop the train at a station and get out and leave the passengers waiting there?

Th: It depends. When you got to go, you got to go.



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Premeaux is a senior*
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CAVE or Vail Anzona Colossal
Cave covers 2.7 square miles
and is estimated to be at least
40 million years old, Kara's
been leading tours
fluough the cave tor
two years.

Nickelodeon Magazine Have you ever gotten lost in the cave?

Kara Premeaux: Once.
Someone had moved one of our trail markers. I was wigging out. We wandered around for 45 minutes. Finally, we found the way out.

NM: Have you ever seen a stalactite or stalagmite that looks like you?

KP: No, but we do have one shaped like the profile of Elvis Presley. We also have one that looks like Jafar from Aladdin, and one that looks like the Little Mermaid. The kids discover these things.

NM: When you're in the cave, how do you know what the weather is like outside?

KP: If it's raining, the lights go off. We have old wires and when they get wet they short out.

NM: Do you ever get scared when you're in the cave?
KP: Only when I'm by myself, like when I have to go
down and clean the display cases. I freak out. You never
know if the place is haunted.

NM: Have you ever seen a rat down there?

kP: Pack rats. They're cute. They have little pockets behind their cheeks, like a gerbil. They're about the size of the palm of your hand.

NM: What's the scariest animal you've ever seen in a cave?

KP. Those stupid centipedes. I once saw one that was eight inches long. I screamed really, really loudly.

NM: Were you on a tour? KP: Yes.

NM: What did your tour do?

KP: They screamed, too. Someone's got it on video,

NM: What's the weirdest thing you ever saw in the cave?

KP: A skunk that got lost in the cave. It really stunk up the place for about three weeks.

NM: Do you wish you had a cave as nice as Batman's?

MP: I wish there was someone who looks like Val Kilmer in my cave.





three stories below ground

Every day it receives nearly

m thousand calls from

people all over the

world.

Nickelodeon Magazine: Do you wish you had a window?
Pat Jumbelick: I can't imagine how people with a window get work done. If I go to an office for a meeting where there's a window, I just

NM: Since you don't have windows, what's on your walls?

Pat Jumpetick has

Worked in the sub-basement of the LIBHARY OF
CONCRESS, in Washington, U.C.,
for 25 years. She currently runn
the Telephone Office, in a room

NM: If you didn't

NM: If you didn't have a clock down there, how would you know what time it is? PJ: When my stomach

PJ: When my stomach growls, I know it's lunch time.

NM: How do you know what the weather is like? PJ: People call and tell us and then we run upstairs to see the rain or snow.

NM: Do you like it down there?

PJ: I do. You're out of sight and you're out of mind. Nobody bothers us.

NM: Have you ever seen a rat down there? PJ: I've seen a mouse, a dead one, in the hall.

NM: Is that the scariest animal you've seen?

PJ: I think so. We've had some pretty big bugs, however.

NM: Do you think the bugs are down there trying to check out books?

PJ: Yes. Probably about other types of bugs and critters. After all, we are open to the public.

NM: What's the stupidest question anyone's ever called to ask?

PJ: Once someone asked, "Who flushed the first toilet?"

NM: Because you don't see the sun all day, do you ever feel like Dracula?

P.J. Yes, especially in the winter. It's dark when I get here in the morning. Then, when I leave at the end of the day, it's dark. Sometimes I never see the sun until the weekend.



Margaret D'Mearu
has tunnel vision. That's
hecause she's helping to
build the TED WILLIAMS
TUNNEL, 30 feet below Bester
Worker. As an assistant area
construction manager,
Margaret makes sure
the work gets done

Nickelodeon Magazine: What's it like in the tunnel?

Margaret O'Meara:

It's cool, temperature-wise. It can be in the 50s.

NM: Do you ever get scared down there?

MO: No. The lights went out once, but I wasn't scared. I had a flashlight. You have to go through safety training before you work there.

NM: How many people work down there?

MO: Around 150. But we've had up to 200 when they were putting in tile. There's enough tile in one strip of the tunnel for 4,600 bathrooms.

NM: Have you ever seen a rat?

MO: I never have We have a special team of people whose job it is to watch out for rats and keep them from getting in. I did see an opossum running around down there.

NM: What's the worst thing about the tunnel?

MO: It can be noisy and dusty. And you can't tell if it's raining outside.

NM: Is there a light at the end of your tunnel?

MO: Every day. And there are lots of lights mour tunnel.

NM: Do people ever say that you have "tunnel vision"?

MO: Yes, It's kind of a joke. I have tunnel vision when it comes to getting the tunnel done.

NM: Do you ever get a sinking feeling when you're down there?

MO: At first I did. Because when we were just beginning the tunnel, the entrance wasn't built yet. The only way to get into the tunnel was through a hole above it. You had to walk down a spiral staircase that was 90 feet deep and had 120 steps. The first time I walked down those stairs, my stomach just dropped.

NM: With all the wet concrete around you, aren't you tempted to put your initials in it?

MO: Oh yes. But so far I haven't.



Freak O System

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The Naked Mole Rat



What they are: Small, pinkish, mostly hairless rodents. They have tiny eyes, loose, wrinkled skin, and long front teeth. Adults are between three and six inches long.

How they live: Naked mole rats live in deep underground burrow systems in groups that average 75 to 80 animals. Colonies are organized like those of bees or ants. with a queen, who is the only female that can give birth. She's much bigger than the others, and is shaped like a dachshund. (That's a queen in the photo at left.) A single burrow system can cover an area the size of six football fields!

How they dig: With their teeth. Their jaws are extremely strong, and if they break off a tooth, it grows back within a couple of days. To dig a bicrow, they form a chain and work together, kicking and shoving the dirt up and out of the note. From the strface, the dirt flying out of the hole looks like a small volcano erupting

What's in a name? Naked mole rats aren't entirely naked, and they aren't even moles. Their closest relatives are guinea pigs, chinchillas, and porcupines. They do have some hair—on their lips, tails, and between their toes.

What do they eat? Roots and tubers (underground stems).

Neat party tricks: They are one of the few animals that can run as fast backwards as forwards. In labs, they have been able to gnaw through plastic and concrete.



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Coapus I have CHRISTI, TX "I don't need a conscience, I have a sister."

NAX KENNEDY

"Life is a picnic and I'm ready to eat."



"Was that your fault, or has there been

an earthquake?"

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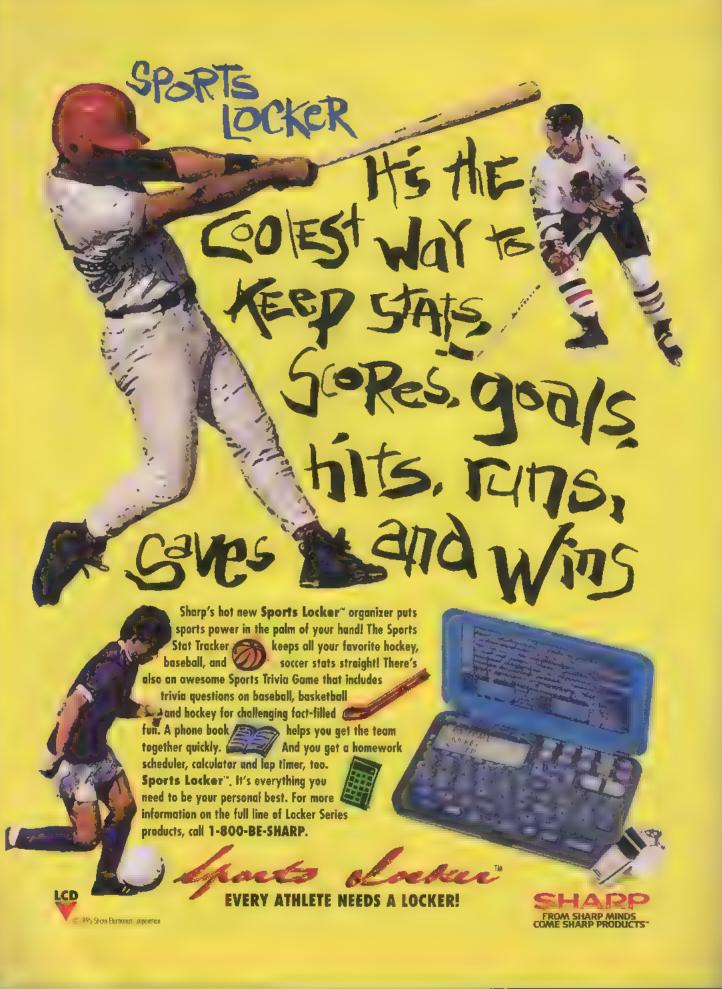


ANY TERWIN "If you must break your word, use a hyphen."

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"And on Your Luin SLUDGE!"

Ants aren't the only creatures that like to tunnel underground. Humans have also built some impressive structures beneath the Earth's surface.





Many people visit Paris, France, to look at beautiful art. Some go to see sludge.

Ever since Paris built its sewers in the 1800s, millions of tourists—and even kings and queens—have descended below the streets to gaze at the tons of glop oozing through the tunnels.

What's so special about a sewer? Well, before Paris built its famous sewer system, residents didn't have to take a tour to see smelly gunk—they could just look in their basements. That's because the old sewers always backed up. This stinky problem forced the city to build its famous sewers, a project that lasted from 1852 to 1870. At the time it opened, it was the most technologically advanced sewer system in the world. Its beauty and technology still impress visitors.



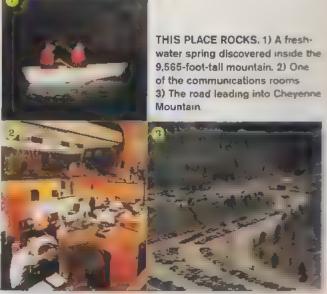
SWILL WATERS RUN DEEP: Today, people tour the sewers by walking on ramps. In the past, people rode boats. Boat tours stopped about 20 years ago, just about the time some bank robbers escaped through the tunnels with \$10 million.

Deep inside Cheyenne Mountain, in the Colorado Rockies, there is a group of 15 buildings where close to 700 people work

The mountain is home to the North American Aerospace Defense Command and the U.S. Space Command. These two groups use computers and satellites to protect American and Canadian air space from attack, and to keep track of space missions.

The first tunnels were made by miners in 1961. Five years and one-and-a-half million pounds of explosives later, the command center was finished.

Along with computers and high-tech equipment, the air station includes a barber shop, infirmary, snack bar, and a duning hall.



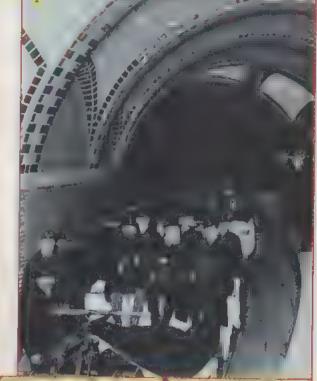


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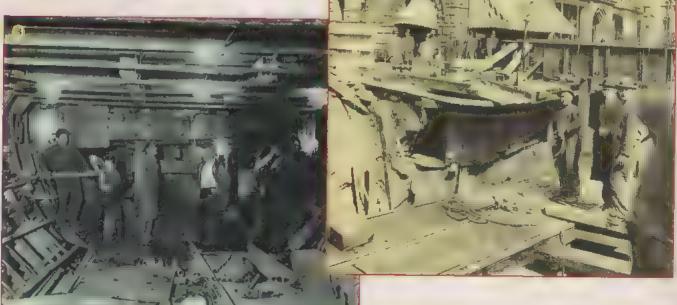
Every year, more than a billion passengers pay to ride through dark tunnels on rattling, screeching trains. No, it's not a new amusement park ride—it's the New York City subway system.

The subway has 722 total miles of track (566 underground and 156 above ground). The only cities that have larger subway systems are Tokyo and London.

Construction on the subway began in 1900, and much of New York City had to be ripped apart. To create many of the tunnels, workers dug trenches in the streets, laid down chunks of tunnel, and then covered them up with newlypaved street. This method was called "cut and cover." All this digging lasted for nearly 50 years, while life in the nation's largest and busiest city went on as usual



A CITY IN TRAIN-ING: If you stretched out the tracks end-to-end, they would reach from New York to Chicago, Illinois. 1) Dedicating the first stretch of subway in 1904. 2) A cut street, waiting to be covered. 3) Still at work in 1932.



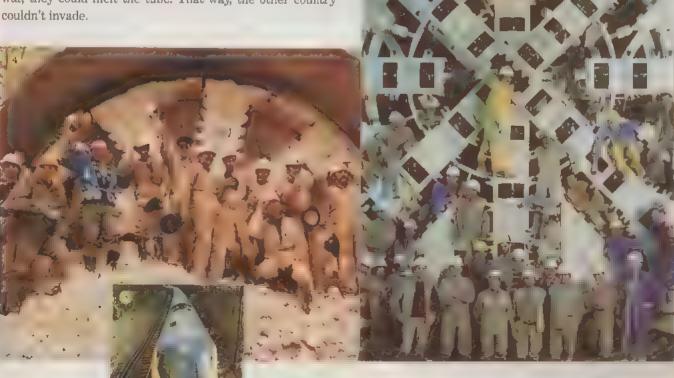


In 1994, Britain and France were connected for the first time since the Ice Age, thanks to the Channel Tunnel.

The Chunnel, as it is nicknamed, runs from Folkestone, England, to Calais, France. More than 23 miles of the Chunnel run under the English Channel, making this section the longest stretch of underwater tunnel in the world.

The Chunnel is one of the biggest construction projects ever undertaken, and took almost seven years to build. It consists of three separate tubes. Two tubes have trains that carry people and their automobiles. The third tube is for maintenance vehicles.

Different plans for a tunnel have been around for almost 200 years. One of the strangest ideas from the 1800s was to make a tunnel out of ice. If Britain and France went to war, they could melt the tube. That way, the other country couldn't inwade.



CHUNNEL VISIONS The earth removed to make the Chunnel could! three Houston Astrodomes.

1) Diplomatic break-through: Workers from England and France ce et all as they break through the last piece of rock deep below the English Characteristics.
2) The tunnel entrance. 3) A team of workers with the grant dollars.

to make the tunnel, 4) Taking a break, 5) All aboard. A train getting taking a make the trip.

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Beaturing Zeida Van Gutters, NICKELODEON MAGAZINE's Roving Reporter



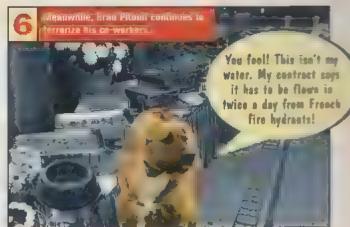




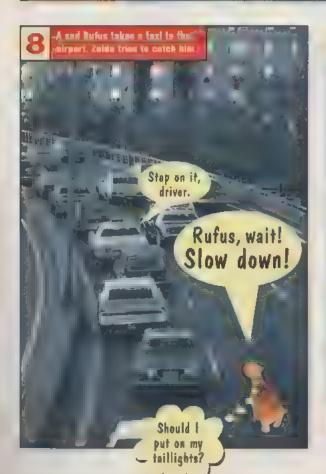














tt was a case of identities mistaken.

When I saw Brad, my heart was a-breakin'.

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Our love will go far,

And will leave movie audiences shaking.



Wendell (the Cinnamon Toast Crunch baker) is

really happened! (Check your answer below).

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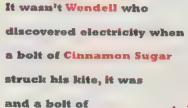
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The Butz family settles down for some squash.

PICNIC TERROR!

ANTS ATTACKED IN SAVAGE STOMP

BY MANFRED MANDIBLE

A peaceful ant colony exploded in panic today, when an overground group, known only as the Butz Family, held their annual picnic Although no fatalities were reported, many ants were visibly shaken and had to be sent to the ant farm for observation.

The main culprits were identified as Pat and Lotte Butz, "When they sat down on the grass," one witness said, "I thought the world was ending."

The morning began peacefully enough. It was a rare day off for these worker ants, and the entire colony ventured out of its tunnel system for the company picnic. They were looking forward to a day of munching and merriment.

But trouble began as soon as Lotte Butz spread out a dangerously long and heavy blanket over the ground. Black clouds swirled over the colony, and winds battered blades of grass and mounds of soil. When Pat Butz dropped to the ground, it spelled serious trouble for a daring group of ants that had ventured too close to the potato chips

"Eek! Ants!" Mr. Butz was heard to exclaim, alerting the rest of the family. It was then that the onslaught started. Ants fled in all directions from frightening feet, and dozens were injured during the ensuing ruckus. A choice piece of hot dog bun was dropped as worker ants beat a hasty retreat. The loss disappointed many.

CHUCK WOOD CHUCKS MORE WOOD p 30



Bob Mole on the stump.

Mole to Run for President

BY ROBERT WOODCHUCK

Bob Mole, the senator from Underneath. Kansas, announced yesterday that he is a candidate for underground president "Mine will be a grass roots campaign," Senator Mole told a chirping and squeaking crowd at a thousand-dollar a-carrot dinner beneath O'Hare Airport. Running mate Al Gopher, Jr. was at his side. "We will get to the bottom of the issues." Senator Mole promised.

Senator Mole's campaign appeals the anger and frustration of the up around class. But he took the laground in his speech.

"We're tired of hiding in our burrows holing up in our holes, being 'read dirt. To those living above ground. Is 'Dig This!' It's more and the America, and it's time we poked our furry little heads out and a second out a second

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-National News-



Stormin' Norman

AP Underworld Photo

THE NORMAN INVASION

FROM ROOTERS NEWS SERVICE Undercover agents from the Federal Burrow of Investigation (FBI) today declared Greg Norman "Underground America's Public Enemy Number One."

Norman, one of the greatest golfers of the Over-world, created mass hysteria for the twelfth time in two weeks when he sent yet another golf ball rocketing down a peaceful gopher hole in Shinnecock, New York. This is only the latest attack in a 19-year career of sabotage and terrorism. The underworld is still reeling from his brutal stomping of an ant hill at Pebble Beach last week.

A team of emergency service burrowers are working their tails off to remove the ball and free the trapped gophers.

"We'll keep digging around the clock," said Henry Carrot Dislodge, chief of rescue operations.

FBI agents admit it won't be easy to nab Norman. "We're pursuing all leads," said FBI Director Stansfield Turnip. "A nibble here, a nibble there."

One gopher, after hours of nudging the golf ball, to no avail, said he couldn't wait to take a bite out of Norman's two-wood.

-Sports-



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Chuck Wood Chucks More Wood

BY RED ANT SMITH It's often been asked how much woodchuck could chuck wood. Well, yesterday the woodchuck woodchucking team of Chuck Wood and Woody Chuck chucked more wood than any woodchuck team had ever previously chucked.

Chucking wood first was Chuck Wood. He was followed by Woody Chuck, who chucked more wood than Wood. The crowd was in suspense. Would Wood then be able to chuck more wood than Woody had chucked? He would. "I would think that Woody wouldn't chuck," said Chuck Wood. "But Woody could chuck wood."

After the woodchucks were finished wood-chucking, Chuck Wood was seen upchucking wood on Woody Chuck.

POLICE BLOTTER

wood could a woodchuck chuck if a

BY HARRY HAMSTER, CHIEF OF POLICE

CITIZENS ALERT A gang of earthworms escaped from a jail cellate Friday night, wragling their way between the bars. They tunneled under the prison complex, surfacing outside the high-security wall. Be warned—they are extremely slimy and yucky!

A SKINTIGHT ALIBI: Police received a call Tuesday evening reporting a naked mole rat running around naked. An arrest was made for indecent exposure. When it was pointed out that none of the underground area residents wear clothes (or the arresting officer, for that matter), the rodent was released.

A LOUSY LINEUP: Wednesday afternoon, a gang of four bats were arrested for loitering. They were hanging around and looking suspicious.



-Society Page-



It was a molt to remember at the Harvest Fly Ball.

CICADA COMING-OUT GALA

After 17 years underground, local cicada nymphs emerged from the earth this week. The long-awaited affair, known as the Harvest Fly Ball, turned out to be the social event of the year.

As night fell, the lovely bugs poked their pretty heads out from the ground, entered into the starry night, and shed their outer skin. Onlookers were awed by their blinding beauty.

The belle of the ball was Miss April Van Bugge, great-granddaughter of Colonel Horatio Van Bugge. Miss Van Bugge is charming and intelligent, and not at all flighty. She was escorted by Reginald "Reggie" DeMolt, a cadet at the Arthropod Academy.

The season's most popular look for females was a blunt head accessorized with protruding eyes. For the males, it was a classic vibrating thorax.

The next Harvest Fly Ball will be held in 17 years, but be sure to order your tickets early—they go fast! Running Mole (cont'd from page 29)
Mole campaign must first climb out of a
deep financial hole. The Mole-Gopher
ticket already has burrowed \$5 million
to get the campaign off the ground.

A recent Gallup Vole Poll shows that Mole is now the front-runner and riding a groundswell of support, after Secretary of the Interior Bruce Rabbit was caught last week in a love nest with a young reporter, Gennifer Flowerbeds.



Assorted Nuts

Burled: Fall 1994, Sliver Lake Park, somewhere near the duck pond.



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-Dear Ant Landers-



Dear Ant Landers, I've been forced to wake up earlier and earlier because an early bird in my neighborhood is trying to get me. What do I do? I'm afraid.

Signed, The Worm

Dear The, Next time you see this bird, 'tell him that one of him in the hand is worth two in the bush. But remember, you can squirm out of any situation.

Dear Ant Landers,
A certain black-and-white furry
fellow has moved into the hole
next door. He seems nice
enough. But every so often, he
makes a real stink. What
should I say to him?

Signed, Perplexed in Piscataway

Dear Perplexed,
I know a skunk when I
smell one, but we should
embrace the differences in
one another. Skunks are
proud of their smell. All they
want is for you to notice
them. And just remember, you
can always use a clothespin.

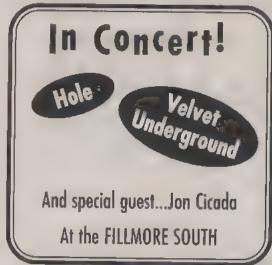
Dear Ant Landers,
I'm getting old, and recently
I've been having trouble
remembering where I've
burried my nuts, With winter
coming on, I'm getting worried,
Help me,

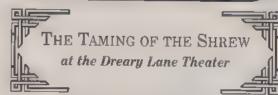
Signed, Fluzzy

Dear Fuzzy,
Try to start burying your nuts
in just one place, rather than
all over the neighborhood.
Try keeping a log. Or bury
your nuts under one. And
don't worry, you're not
going nuts.

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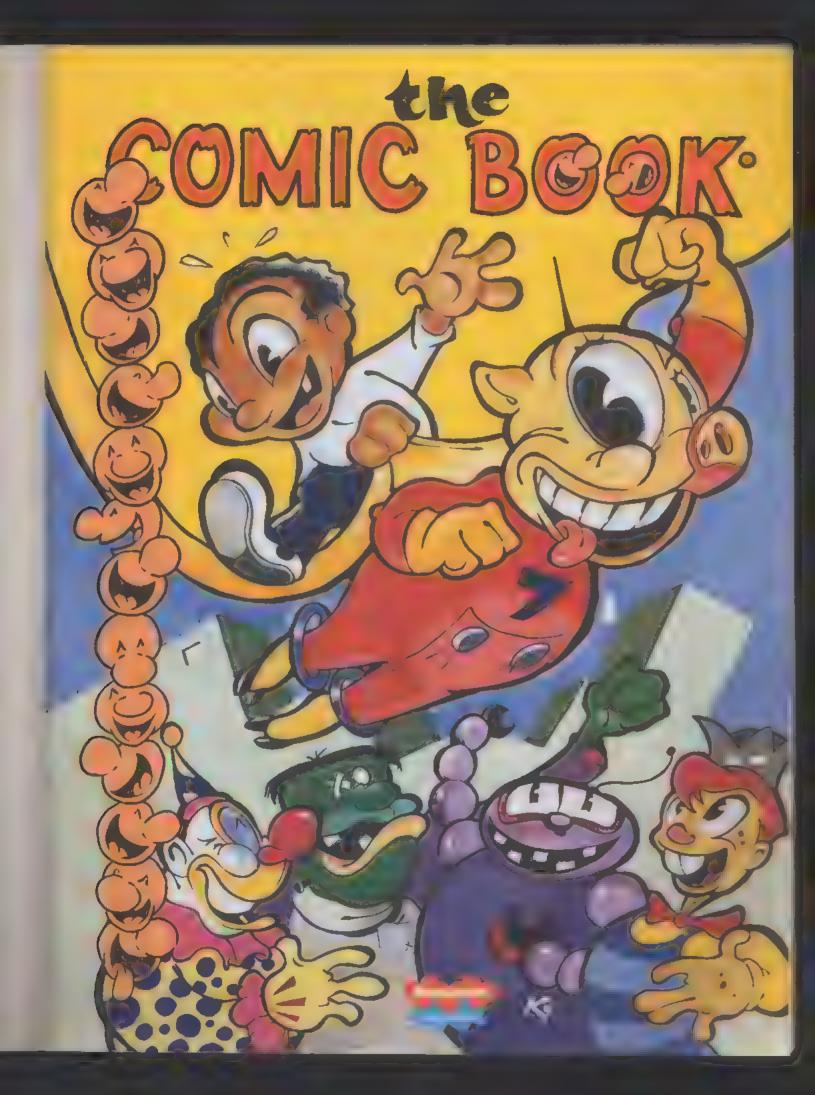
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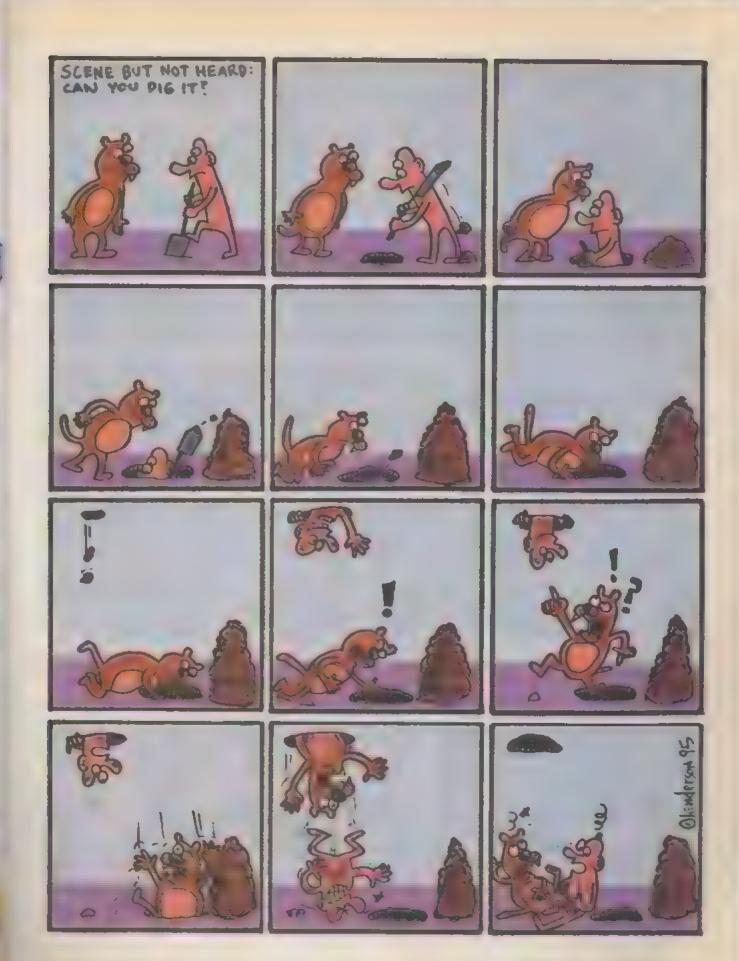
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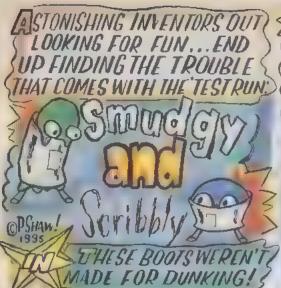
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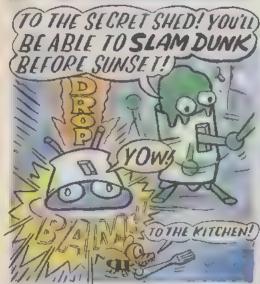
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Declaration of Independence for the Kids Table

in the first or second course of the holiday meal, it becomes necessary for the kids of the Kids Table to dissolve their bonds with the adult table, they shall do so and declare why.

We declare that we deserve real silverware, not plastic. We demand cloth napkins, and our own bottle of sode. We caum our natural rights; among these are burping, fighting, and the pursuit of second, third, and fourth helpings.

We hold these truths to be self evident, that all portions are not created equal, and that we have first dibs on the stuffing.

We throw off the chains of tyranny that force us to quiet down, remain in the kitchen, and sit on phone books to reach the table. Individuals must choose their own course of action: to mush all their food together, or to keep such foods pure and separate; and to eat dessert first!

No adult will criticize, nag, or move the Kids Table without its consent. No longer a second-class table, we pledge to each other our lives, our drumsticks, and our eternal leftovers.

Signed,

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Dinner Roll Call Record your family get-together by filling out this chart.

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What was overcooked?

What was just right?

What spilled?

What dish was eaten first?

What dish had the most left over?

What did the pets eat?

Thumbprint of cranberry sauce here:

Tape wishbone here:

Attach inedible gristle here:

Attach photos of your family dinner here.



The Speedy Gonzales Award The first to finish eating...

The TNT Award
The most likely to explode...

The Royal Flush Award

The person who spent the most time in the bathroom...

The Golden Stain Award
The messiest shirt...

The Mount Kilimanjaro Award
The person who piled the most on their plate...

The Humane Society Award
The person who fed the pets under the table...

The Lazy Susan Award
The person who did the least amount of work...

The Remote Relative Award
The person who watched the most TV...

The Bronze BarcaLounger Award The first to fall asleep...



























Polly and Her Pals



Polly and Her Pals was created by the cartoonist Cliff Sterrett, who was born in Fergus Falls. Minnesota, in 1883. The strip first appeared in 1912 as Positive Polly, and lasted until 1958. This episode, starring Paw Perkins (Polly's dad) and his deer friend, is from 1936.

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Parade floats

can honor everything from peanuts to penguins. This month, we'd like you to design a float of your own. What kind would you like to see? Design the most outrageous float you can think of and you could win great prizes. Here's how to enter.

1. Draw your float or describe it in words. Your float can honor any person, place, thing, or event. Make sure your idea is original.

3. Please include your name, age. address, and phone number





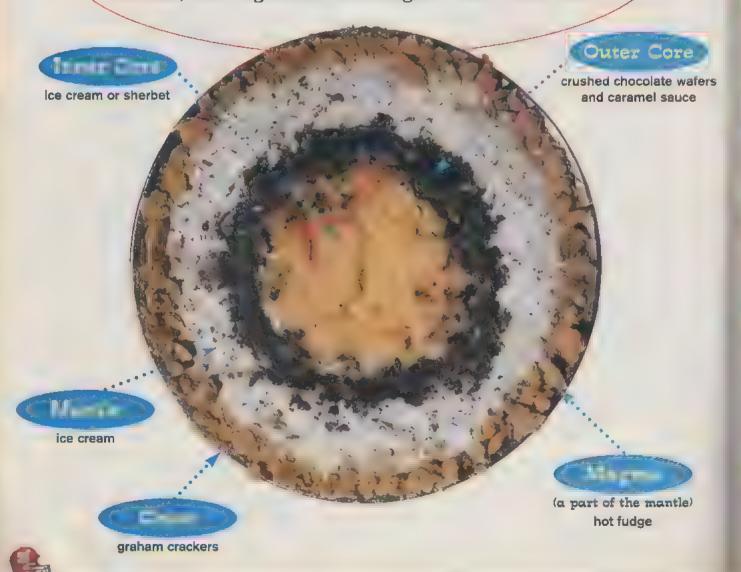
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Journey to the Center of the Earth

(Pie)

Although the Earth is made up of things like iron,
magnesium, and aluminum, we made an earth pie out of ice cream,
cookies, and fudge sauce. We thought it would taste better.





- 1 adult (to help)
- 1 quart ice cream with chunks (chocolate, nuts, or candy are okay)
- 15 chocolate wafer cookies, crushed
- 10-12 ounces caramel sauce
- 1 pint ice cream or sherbet (should be a different color than the quart of ice cream)
- 10-12 ounces fudge sauce
- · 8-10 graham cracker cookies, crushed

You'll also need a small metal mixing bowl. It's best to use metal because it conducts cold temperatures better than glass or ceramic.

This recipe has enough ingredients to fill a 7-inch-wide metal bowl, but you can use larger or smaller amounts of the ingredients, depending on what size bowl you have.

Preparation time: Four and a half billion years, just like the Earth. But really—about 3 hours, plus overnight.





Directions:

- Put the bowl in the freezer so it will get very cold (about 30 minutes).
 - Let both packages of ice cream stand at room temperature for about 15 minutes, or until they are soft. Put them in the refrigerator (not the freezer) to keep them cool and soft until you need to use them

Take the bowl out of the freezer. Put all of the chunky ice cream into the bowl. Using a rubber spatura or spoon spread the ice cream evenly up the sides of the bowl, leaving a well in the middle. The ice cream should be about two inches thick all around. Cover with aluminum foil and place in the freezer for at least 30 minutes.

Note: Don't worry if the ice cream slides to the bottom of the bowl. You can fix this in step 5.

In another small bowl, use a spoon to mix the crushed chocolate wafers with the caramel sauce until gooey and we blended. Use more or less caramel sauce, depending on how gooey you want it to be

Remove the bowl with the ice cream from the freezer and take off the foil. If the ice cream has slipped down in the bowl, use your clean fingers, or a rubber spatula to push it back up the sides. Pour the wafer-caramel mixture into the bowl, and spread it around evenly, just as you did with the ice cream. Cover with foil and freeze for at least 20 minutes.

Remove the pie from the freezer, and take off the foil. Make a small well in the center of the wafer-caramel mixture.

Fill it with as much of the pint of ice cream or sherbet as fits The ice cream/sherbet should be level with the top edge of the bowl.

Cover with foil and freeze

for at least an hour.

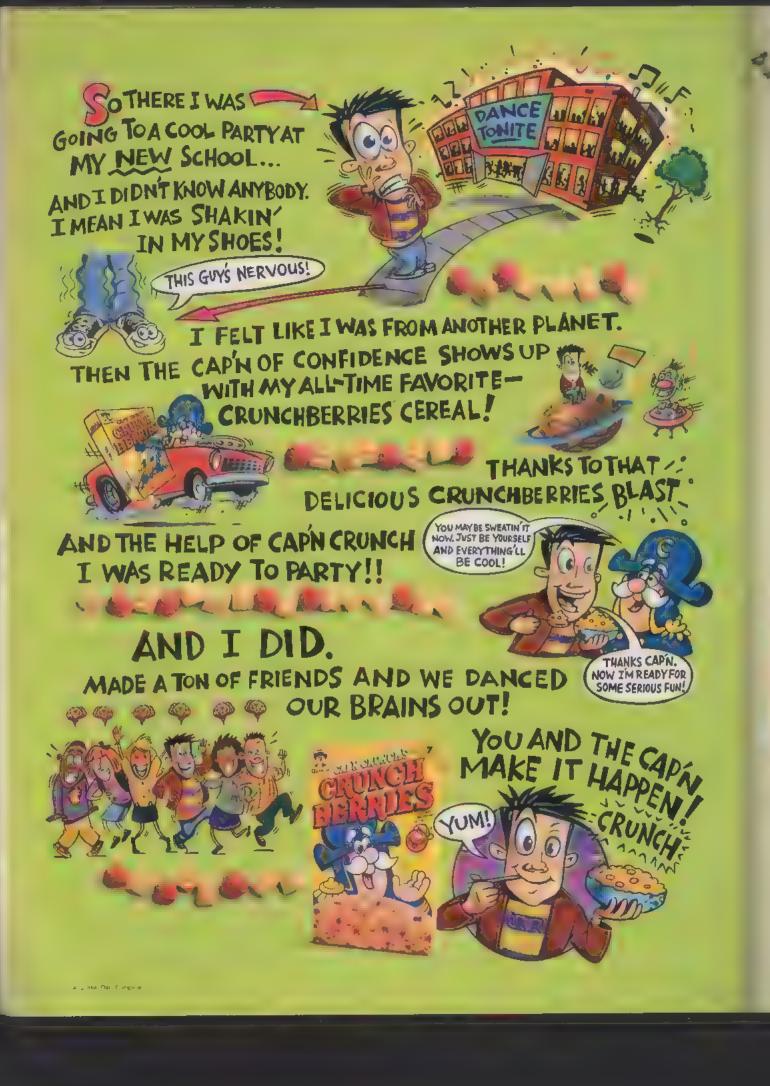
Now you're ready to unmold the ice cream. Remove the foil. Fill a bowl, larger than the one the pie is in, one-third full with hot water. Carefully lower the pie bowl into the hot water for about 15 seconds. Be careful not to let any water touch the ice cream

Quickly dry the bottom of the pie bowl, and turn it upside down onto a plate, so the ice cream touches the plate. Tap on the sides of the bowl, then gently lift the bowl away from the ice cream.

Before it melts any more, cover your pie with foil and put it in the freezer. You should let it sit in the freezer for at least six hours, or overnight.

Just before you're ready to serve the pie, heat the fudge sauce according to the directions on the jar. Then spread as much of it as you like over the top. Cover with crushed graham cracker crumbs and serve. To make cutting the pie easier, dip a knife in hot water, dry it off, and then cut the pie. Do this for each slice.



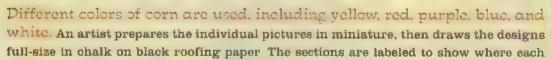


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The Corn Palace

is in Mitchell. South Dakota. This evecatching building covers half a city block and is five stories high. Each year, its exterior walls are decorated with corns, grains, and grasses arranged to create murals with different themes, such as "Egyptian," "Patriotic," or "Relaxin' in South Dakota." The theme this past year (pictured in these photos) was "Salute to Rodeo." About 50,000 ears of corn are used annually. Decorating starts in mid-summer and is

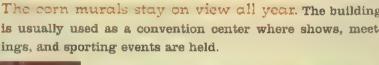
completed by mid-September, just in time for Corn Palace Week, which celebrates the fall harvest.



color of corn should go (sort of like painting by numbers), and then the roofing paper is tacked to the wall of the building. The trim is

done in grains and grasses which are tied in bunches and nailed in place. Then the individual ears of corn are sawed in half lengthwise and nailed to the building.

The corn murals stay on view all year. The building is usually used as a convention center where shows, meet-





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Face to Face

Take a good look at the boy on the left. He grew up to be one of the famous men on the right. Can you guess which one he is? Answer on page 79.



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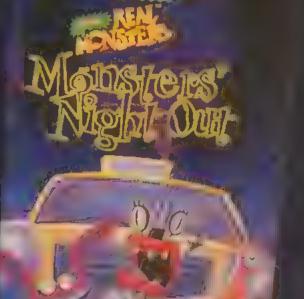
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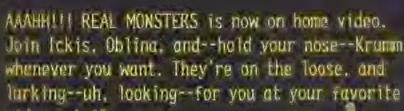
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Larisa Oleynik

On the TV show *The Secret World of Alex Mack*, Larisa Oleynik plays a character who gains mysterious powers through a freak accident.

CHERYL FAMILY spoke with the 14-year-old actress about movie stars, *Animal Farm*, and cranberry sauce.



Nickelodeon Magazine What's the biggest secret you can tell us about yourself?

Larisa Oleynik: I think I'm a pretty open person; I don't have too many secrets. I con put my leg behind my head—that's a secret.

NM: If you could have any one of Alex's superpowers, which one would you want?

LO: Probably the levitating one. It would be fun. If there were some person you didn't like, you could pull down their pants. Also, I'm not really good at sports, so if I were playing softball, I'd want to be able to whack the ball.

M: Do you think Alex Mack is a superhero?

L.O. No, because she hasn't used her powers to save the world. She just uses them to get through junior high.

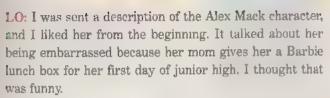
NM: How did you get started as an actress?

LO The first thing that I ever did was [the musical] Les Misérables, in San Francisco. There was an article in the newspaper about the audition. I had done school plays, and I enjoyed that. I decided to go to see what it was like, and I ended up getting the part. I was eight years old. After the show ended, I got an agent and started auditioning.

NM: Why did you want to play Alex Mack?







NM: Did you watch Nickelodeon before you did Alex Mack?

LO: I used to watch Clarissa Explains It All. And my favorite show on Nickelodeon was Double Dare.

NM: Are you ever going to cut your hair short?

LO: Actually, I did last year, after we finished filming for the season, and before school started. I loved it. Then I auditioned for the movie *The Baby-Sitters Club*, and the character I was playing was supposed to have really really long, white-blonde hair. After I heard I got the part, I just let it grow and grow. But they still had to use hair extensions for the movie. I heard there's the slightest possibility that we'll do a sequel, and because of that, I'm going to keep growing it out.

NM: What was it like doing The Baby-Sitters Club?

LO: Very cool. The six other girls in it are close to my age, and we all got along really well. Most of us lived more than an hour away from where we were shooting, so we stayed in the same hotel, and became friends. We'd go swimming, and go out to the hotel restaurant together.

NM: What was your favorite Baby-Sitters Club book?

LO: My favorite character, when I read them, was Staccy, and my favorite book was Boy Crazy Stacey. When I first auditioned for the movie, they asked me which part I wanted to be, and I said Stacey. But after I read the script, I really clicked with the character Dawn, and that's the character that I ended up playing. She's the environmentalist of the group, and she's really sweet and sensitive

NW What's your best subject in school?

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LO: I like literature class, because I love to read



NM: What's your favorite book?

LO: Right now, I have to start reading Animal Farm. And I'm also in the middle of Congo. But I think my favorite book was a book that we read last year, Of Mice and Men.

NM: Who is your favorite actress?

LO: My favorite actress is Claire Danes [from My So-Called Life].

NM: Have you met ever met her?

LO: No. I would probably faint if I did. I still get really starstruck. If I ever met her, I would probably go insane.

NM: Who is your favorite celebrity you've met?

LO: Kevin Costner's daughters were in *The Baby-Sutters Club*. They were so sweet. When I first met them, I didn't know that their dad was Kevin Costner. I became really good friends with them, and they asked, "Do you want to meet our dad?" I said, "Okay, sure." And then, all I said was, "Oh, (gasp) hi! Nice to meet you."

NM: Do you like Thanksgiving?

LO: Yes. We get school off!

NM Which do you like better: stuffing or cranberry sauce?

LO: Cranberry sauce. I don't like the real stuff—I like the wiggly kind that you get out of the can.





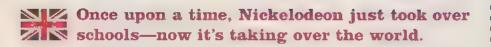
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Nick UK



Nickelodeon has been in the United Kingdom since 1993, where it's known as Nick UK. Although Nick UK is very similar to Nickelodeon in America, there are some differences. NICKELODEON MAGAZINE found out about them when we visited Nick UK in Landon Lagrand

Bert the Fish

Perhaps the only fish on a callin show, Bert the Fish hates
everything. Especially kids.
He thinks they smell like
milk, and this bothers him.
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their mouths, yet they never
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The Presenters

found out about them when we visited Nick UK in London, England.

School of the Week gets:

teachers clucking

The most unusual part of Nick UK is NickAlive. Between shows, hosts do live broadcasts from two studios. One studio is in a London shopping mall called the Trocadero. It has glass walls, so the crowds at the mail can walk by, look in, and even end up on TV. It's the kind of place where almost anything can happen.

The rest of the time, NickAlive works out

of the UK's first-ever Virtual Studio Computers and fancy camera work are used to create three-dimensional backgrounds, such as a Gak cave and kitchen. The hosts can interact with these backgrounds.

In both settings, NickAlive includes lots of kids

camcorders

Every weekend (and each Wednesday during school vacations), kids vote by phone for their favorite show. The show that gets the most votes airs, usually within the hour For Coast to Coast, eight kids were chosen to travel across America, from New York to California, in a motor home. They were given

to tape whatever they wanted during the month long journey, which took place in August. Short segments of the trip will air this fall

Kids also call and fax in jokes, pictures, and more. When we were there, one kid called up and played his trumpet over the phone. Another gargled the theme to *The Flintstones*.

All of this kookiness is led by seven human hosts and an orange fish named Bert. "it's so spontaneous," says Yiolanda Ttokkallos, one of the hosts. "We can decide to do something and then do it-just like that!"

Nick UK isn't always live TV. It also airs shows you

can see in the U.S., like Clarissa Explains It All and Rugrats. But others are special to Nick UK. One is called School of the Week, where Nickelodeon visits a British school and wreaks havoc. Each week a different school is invaded. Teachers are forced to dress up in chicken surts, kids get to tell the truth about school lunches, and a student's romantic crush is exposed.

One of the most popular shows on Nick UK is Family Values, where a host travels across Britain and surprises families by dropping in on them at home. Then he gets them to reveal secrets about one another, like who has the messiest room in the house. So far, Family Values has not gotten in to see the Queen, but that doesn't mean they won't.

ing on NickAlive where he hosts with a human sidekick.

The Presenters

NICKELODEON MAGAZINE spoke with some of the presenters (as hosts are called in England) of NickAlive



Nigel Mitchell

At 16, Nigel is the youngest of all the presenters.

NM: What's the worst thing about being on a live show?

Nigel: Things can go wrong. Once, I was left there looking like a complete lemon because I thought we weren't on the air anymore. I just sat there staring.

Lucy Alexander

Lucy trained as a dancer before becoming an actress

NM Have you ever gotten the hiccups while on the air?

Lucy: Yes, and once, I got a big hair in my eyeball—it felt like it was wrapped around it. I had to start the segment with my eye closed, tears streaming down my face.



James Gilbey

Before becoming a presenter on NickAlive, James was a star on a British soap opera called EastEnders.

NM: What has been your most embarrassing moment on the show?

James: I do a part of the game show called Family Values, where I talk to a parent and a viewer on the phone every morning for a whole week. We've done all sorts of research on the family, so I know all these silly secrets. I've got a reputation for being quite mischievous. Well, one family decided to get me back. I was talking on the phone with them when suddenly they hung up. I was baffled—I hadn't said anything rude to them. Suddenly, they burst through the studio door and covered me with custard pies. I thought I was talking to them at home, but they were in the back room of the studio the whole time. That was a moment I wish had never happened

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Yiolanda Ttokkallos and Mounya Khamlichi

Yiolanda and Mounya were sales assistants when they found out about an audition at Nickelodeon one Friday. They were on TV a week later

NM: What's one of your favorite things you get to do on the air?

Mounya: We do a segment called "The Love Doctor." K ds phone in with their love problems, and we offer big sister advice. The funniest question we ever got was from a guy who was dating a set of twins, and didn't know which one to go out with.

Rick Adams

Rick got so nervous before his first time on live TV that he threw up.

NM: Do you ever wish you weren't doing a live TV show? Rick: Sometimes. Yesterday, k ds were voting by phone for which show they'd like to watch. Lucy (my co-host) and I always bet on which show is going to be chosen, and the winner gets to do something to the loser. I lost, and Lucy dropped two glasses of ice down my trousers. I sang soprano all afternoon.



Sarah Cawood

NickArve is Sarah's first-ever TV job.

NM: Describe your first moment on live TV.

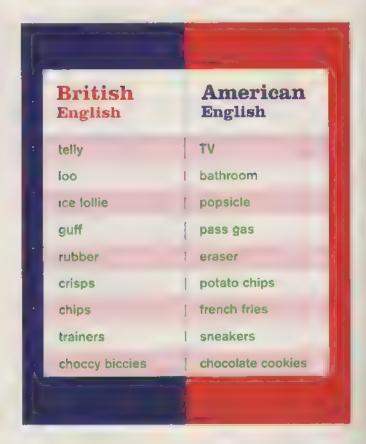
Sarah: It wasn't too bad because I'm a dancer and I'm used to seeing 3,000 people in front of me. When you've only got a camera, you're not actually aware that there are people watching you, unless you stop to think about it.

You English?

You may think Brits and Americans speak the same language, but can you understand the following sentence?

Hey, mate, I hope those crisps, choccy biccies, and ice lollies I ate while watching telly don't make me guff. Otherwise, I'll have to put on trainers and run to the loo.

Here's a little glossary to help you understand the sentence and make up sentences of your own.



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Where you ask the president of Nickelodeon, Geraldine B. Laybourne, anything you want.

What cartoons did you enjoy as a kid?

Liked the Looney Tunes characters Porky Pig, Bugs Bunny, and the Road Runner. I always liked it when the ittle guy outsmarted the builty. I also loved Mr. Magoo because he is nears ghted, ike me. He kept warking through trouble (because he couldn't see it), and I always wished that would happen to me

When you were growing up, what was your house like? I wed in a "modern" house that was pretty amazing for the 1950s. We had rad ant-heated floors, which meant that to heat the house, not water ran through copper tubing in the floors.

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Our basement had two parts: a room with a noisy furnace, and our play/TV room. We used to lie on the floor and watch TV. But when the furnace turned on and made loud noises, we'd jump out of our skins,

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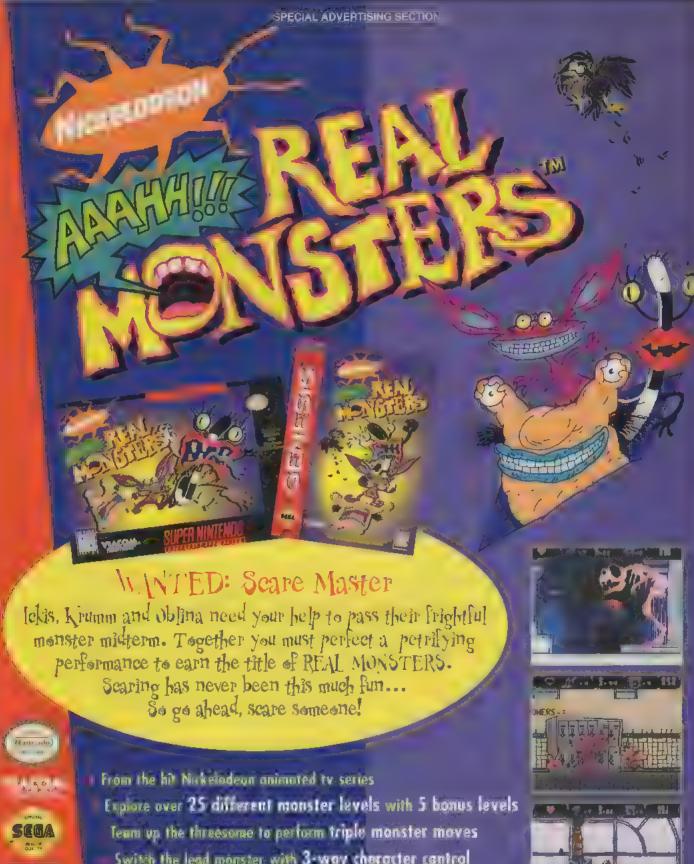
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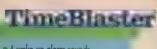
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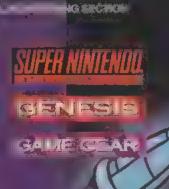
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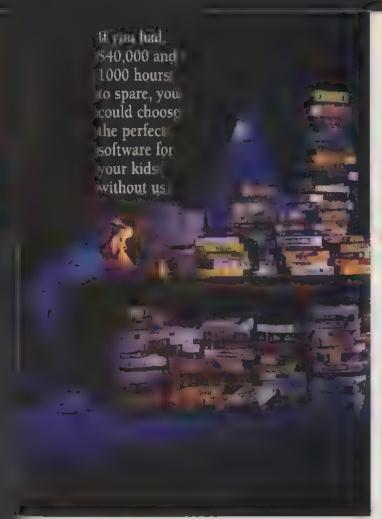


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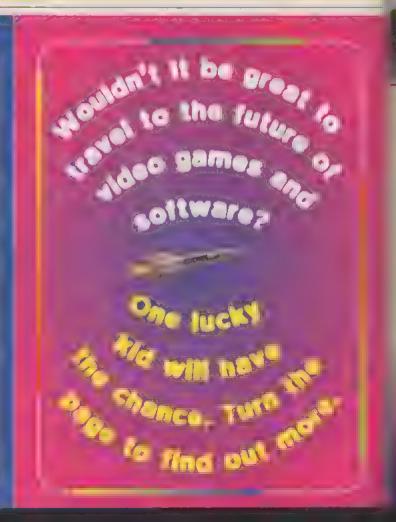
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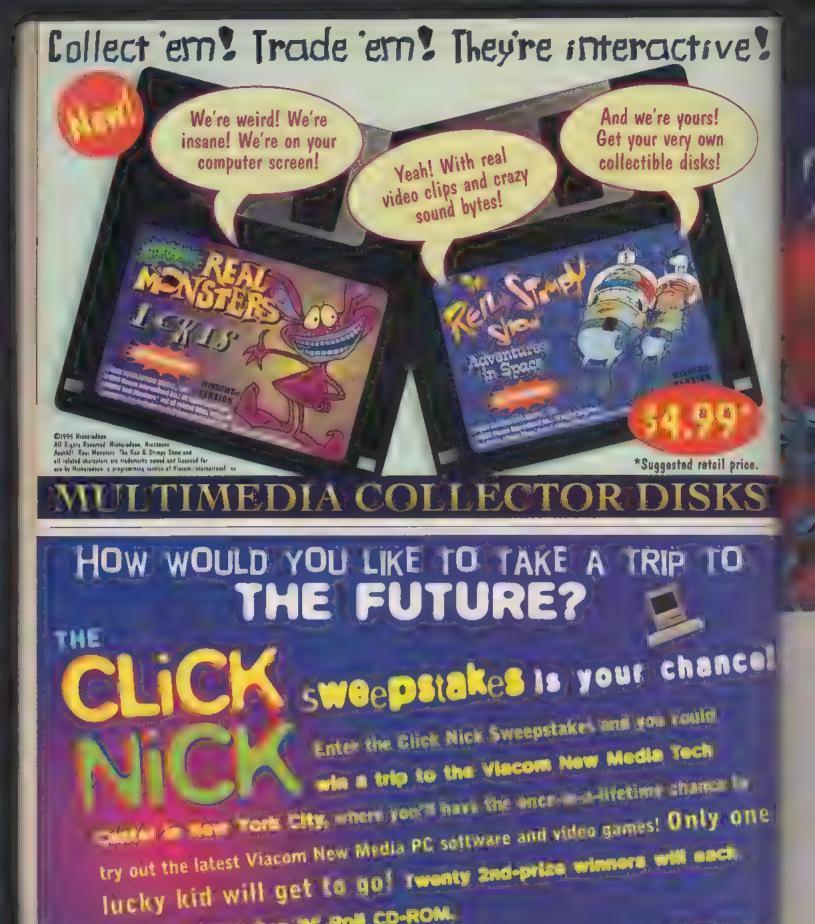
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Woman: Is it my imagination or did that suitcase just move? Teddy Bear: I wonder if that's the suitcase I put Fido in

Jon M, age 9 Christiansburg, Virginia SAY WHAT?

From the August 1995 issue:

We asked you to fill in the balloons in this scene. Here are our favorite entries.

Man: Well, I'm off to clown university.

Woman: In four years he will graduate with a clown diploma.

Teddy Bear: I wonder if he packed his rubber nose.

Corey T., age 10 Rancho Murieta, California

Man: But honey, we're just going to dinner! If our clothes get a little stained, it's no big deal!

Woman: You're not the one who does the laundry!

Teddy Bear: Dinneril But, I'm already stuffed.

Azuree N., age 13 Kıssimmee, Florida



nome luggage for dinner. Woman: Gosh, I sure wish Great King Car liked gas better Teddy Bear: Great King Car is than luggage. not going to get Teddy this time!

Man: Oh, Great King Car, have

Michelle M., age 11 Carrollton, Texas

Man: Honey, we need to get ready so we can get to the mother ship on time.

Woman: This human mask itches like crazyl

Teddy Bear: Being the leader of these two is hard work!

Sarah H., age 10 Chelmsford, Massachusetts



The Turkey Bowl

by Brian Kaplan

Watching football is a Thanksgiving tradition. But the *real* competition is at the dinner table, where family members claw each other for a scoop of stuffing or the last piece of pumpkin pie. What Thanksgiving dinner needs is an official to referee the meal. Here's your chance.

DIRECTIONS: Blow the whistle on the seven football penalties at this feast. Look at the list below, then circle the penalties in the picture at right. We did the first one for you.





1. Penalty: Tripping



Penalty: Too many players on the field



2. Penalty: Pass interference



6. Penalty: Spearing



3. Penalty: Illegal use of the hands



7. Penalty: Piling on



4. Penalty: Intentional grounding

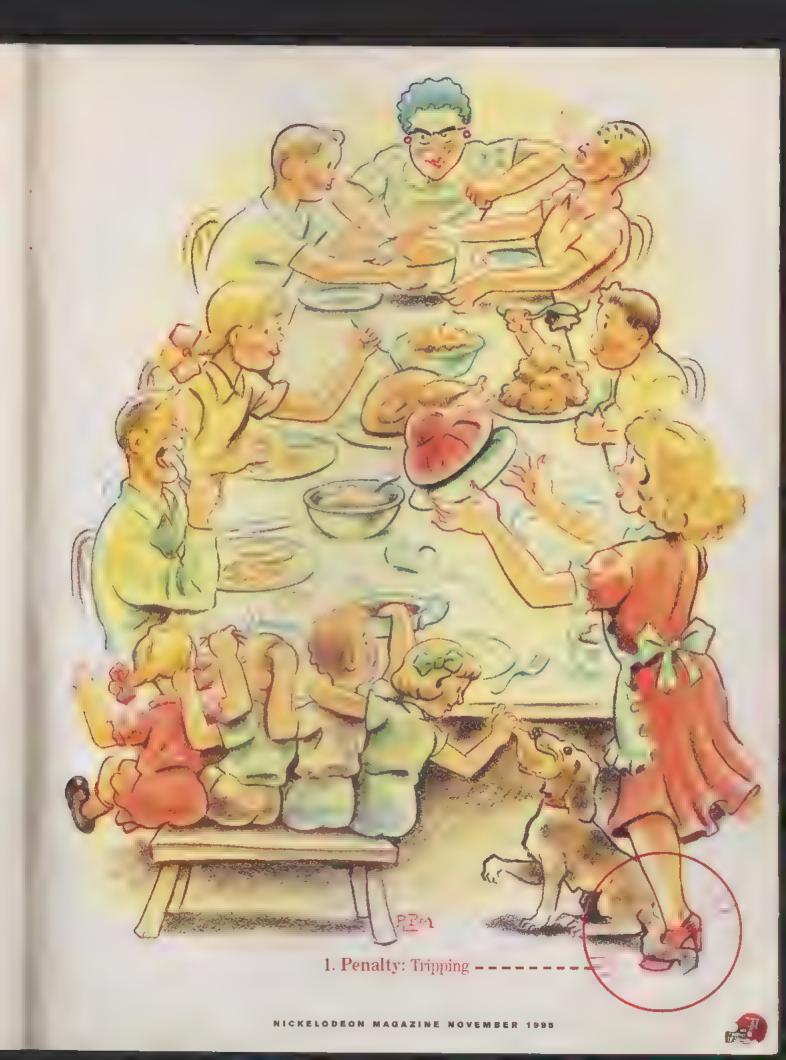


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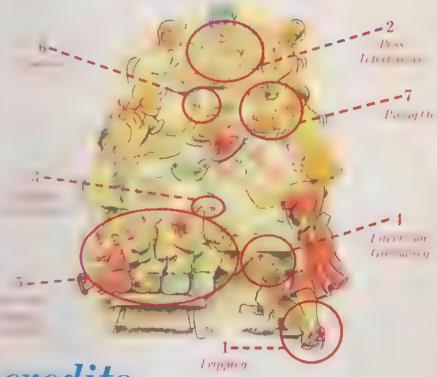
The boy in the picture is Mark Curry.



In our September 1995 issue, we should have credited Monica Stewart for Ben Savage's hair and makeup in both the cover shot and the photos on pages 42 and 43. In our October 1995 issue, we forgot to tell you that George Bates drew the AAAHH!!! Real Monsters characters on the cover and the AAAHH!!! Real Monsters comic on pages 28 and 29.

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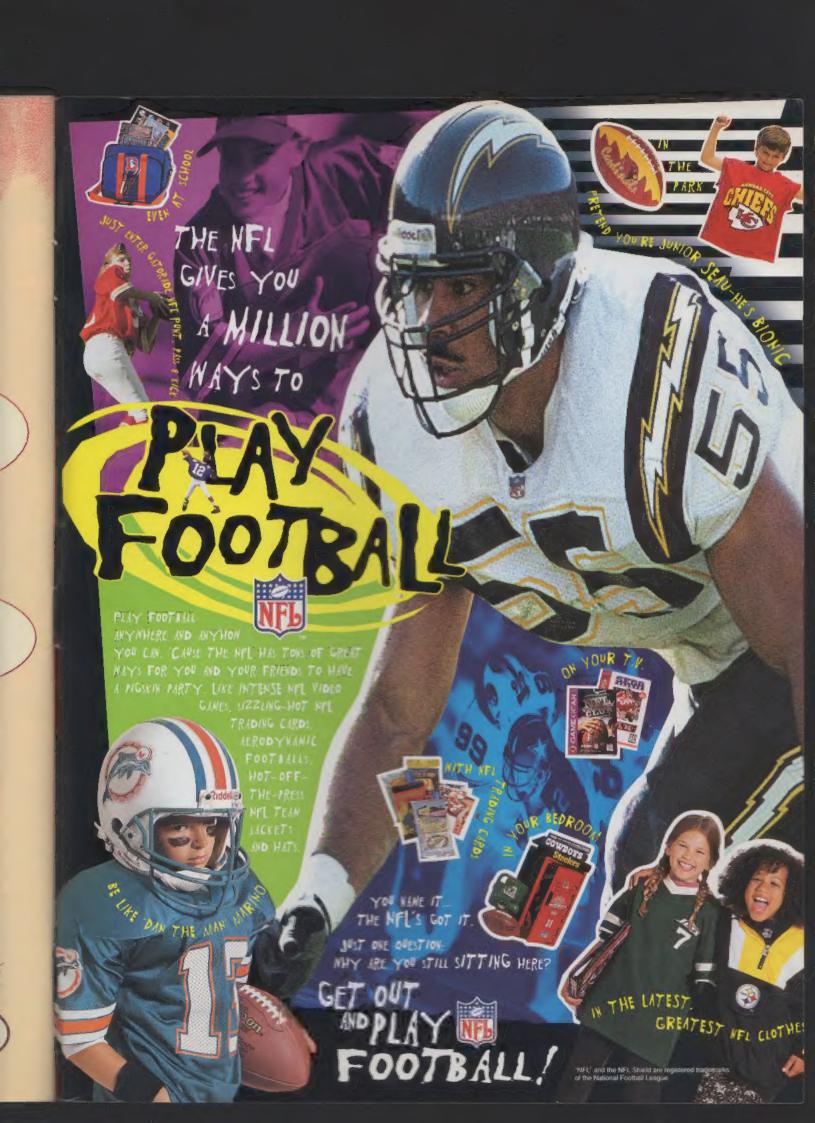
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